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The Appeal Brief filed on <u>25 August 2004</u> is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c). See MPEP § 1206.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file IN TRIPLICATE a complete new brief in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c) within the longest of any of the following three TIME PERIODS: (1) ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer; (2) TWO MONTHS from the date of the notice of appeal; or (3) within the period for reply to the action from which this appeal was taken. EXTENSIONS OF THESE TIME PERIODS MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.

1.		The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 1.192(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2.		The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, pending or cancelled, or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 1.192(c)(3)).
3.		At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 1.192(c)(4)).
4.		The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the claimed invention, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 1.192(c)(5)).
5.		The brief does not contain a concise statement of the issues presented for review (37 CFR 1.192(c)(6)).
6.		A single ground of rejection has been applied to two or more claims in this application, and
	(a)	the brief omits the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet presents arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
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7.		The brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each issue on appeal (37 CFR 1.192(c)(8)).
8.		The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 1.192(c)(9)).
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Joseph C. Merek Primary Examiner Art Unit: 3727 Continuation of item 9: In the grouping of the claims it is not clear if the claims are grouped or that they do not stand or fall together. Appelant's statement is confusing. Moreover, Appelant sets forth differences between the claims following the claim grouping. Appelant now presents WO03/043139 as evidence that they claims are clear. The time to present evidence is during prosecution and not after prosecution is closed. The examiner has not had the oportunity to comment on the evidence prior to appeal.